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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN

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SUBJECT: QUESTION ON NICARAGUA IN MRS. CARTER'S PRESS CONFERENCE

1. LETTER RE POLITICAL SITUATION IN NICARAGUA TO MRS. CARTER FROM MARIO RAMIREZ VILLALOBOS, DIRECTOR OF TICONOTICIAS (AND COSTA RICAN JOURNALIST WHO RAISED THIS MATTER WITH MRS. CARTER AT PRESS CONFERENCE JUNE 1) NOTES PRESIDENT CARTER'S INTEREST IN HUMAN RIGHTS, THE INTEREST OF COSTA RICANS IN POLITICAL/HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN NICARAGUA, AND CONCLUDES THAT US SHOULD "PROFOUNDLY ANALYZE" SITUATION IN THAT COUNTRY. LETTER LISTS ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN NICARAGUA. IT ALSO STATES THAT REASON COSTA RICANS ARE INTERESTED IN NICARAGUA IS DUE TO FACT THAT DEMOCRACY EXISTS IN COSTA RICA AND COSTA RICANS, AS HUMAN BEINGS, ARE INTERESTED IN THE PLIGHT OF THEIR NEIGHBORS.

2. LETTER CONTAINS 20 ODD PAGE ENCLOSURE SENT BY NICARAGUANS IN EXILE TO NICARAGUAN MILITARY COURTS ON OCCASION OF RECENTLY COMPLETED TRIAL OF 111 POLITICAL PRESURES IN THAT COUNTRY. IT CRITICIZES MILITARY JUSTICE IN
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NICARAGUA, REVIEWS HISTORY OF SOMOZA FAMILY IN POWER, REPRINTS JACK ANDERSON COLUMNS, LISTS ALLEGED SOMOZA FAMILY ECONOMIC HOLDINGS, DENOUNCES HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, ETC.

3. ALSO DELIVERED TO EMBASSY FOR MRS. CARTER ON JUNE 1
ARE LETTERS FROM COSTA RICAN COMMITTEE OF SOLIDARITY WITH

NICARAGUA AND FROM MOTHER OF COSTA RICAN STUDENT LIANA BENAVIDES, WHO HAD BEEN JAILED IN NICARAGUA FOR GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES (BUT WHO HAS SINCE BEEN FREED AFTER TRIAL AND RETURNED TO COSTA RICA). BENAVIDES IS COSIGNER OF LETTER FROM SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE. LETTERS RELATE ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN NICARAGUA AND CHILE AND CALL ON US TO CEASE SUPPORT TO NICARAGUA. LETTER FROM SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE QUOTES PRESIDENT'S NOTRE DAME SPEECH, AND ENCLOSURES A LETTER CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN NICARAGUA SENT TO PRESIDENT CARTER IN JANUARY BY TWENTY LATIN AMERICAN INTELLECTUALS.

4. RAMIREZ' QUESTION/COMMENT TO MRS. CARTER ON NICARAGUA HAVE RECEIVED NO REPEAT NO LOCAL MEDIA PLAY. BENEVDIES LETTER PUBLISHED JUNE 2.

5. LETTERS AND ENCLOSURES BEING POUCHED TO ARA FOR AMB. TODMAN.
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